

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Invention application No

PCT/GB 03/04331

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
 IPC 7 A61B5/00 G01N33/49

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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PCT/GB 03/04331**Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)**

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 18-26  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
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FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.2

The present claims 17 does not define the subject-matter of the invention in terms of technical features within the meaning of Article 6 PCT. Consequently the search has been carried out for those parts of the application which appear to be supported and disclosed in the description.

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